

House Resolution No. 1625

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Chloe “Sissy” Deremiah, of Blue Springs, Missouri, who serves as an example of courage and perseverance every day; and

Whereas, Chloe Deremiah is eight years old, lives with her mother, Tina Woodring, and attends school in Blue Springs; and

Whereas, Chloe Deremiah has been blind since birth due to a condition known as sept-optic dysplasia, resulting in underdevelopment of the optic nerves that transmit impulses from the nerve-rich membranes lining the retina of the eye to the brain; and

Whereas, in spite of this apparent disadvantage, Chloe Deremiah rides horseback, sings in the choir, attends dance classes, participates in charity runs (she is very proud of her medals), and has been a devoted student of the ancient art of karate since she was five years old; and

Whereas, Chloe Deremiah recently received a new karate belt from Grain Valley Karate, yellow with a white stripe, indicating an intermediate level in her training; and

Whereas, Chloe Deremiah received the belt and a certificate from her teacher, or sensei, Roberto Guerrero, at Grain Valley Karate, and she received a certificate of recognition from tenth-degree blackbelt Ken Baker Hanshi, head of Midwest Yama Budoki, the martial arts federation to which Guerrero belongs; and

Whereas, Chloe Deremiah is a living testament to the understanding that a disability should not be an obstacle to achieving anything in life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere admiration to Chloe Deremiah and hold her as an example of grace in the face of adversity, with recognition that she inspires us all; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Chloe Deremiah.

Offered by _____
Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1625, adopted April 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker